

WEEKLY WORD

January 10 and 11, 2009

The First Sunday After the Epiphany

Family Mealtimes

by Karen Kennedy, Director of Publicity and Promotion

When I was young, my family's Sunday evening meal consisted of hamburgers purchased at one of those new "fast food" restaurants. My younger brother, Rick, and I would play a game as we savored every morsel of the atypical meal. The food game was simple—the person who ate the last bite won. So we devised strategic moves that would position us to win—we'd ask to be excused from the table or hide food underneath our plates. Anything was fair as long I finished last. The prize was the satisfaction of seeing my brother eyes filled with envy as I enjoyed the last bite. Sweet!

Sounds a bit quirky? It definitely doesn't fit my current idea of what a family meal should resemble. After all, shouldn't the table be perfectly set with my husband and children harmoniously loving each other and freely sharing about the day's activities? And don't forget the happy chef, me, in the kitchen singing as I toss the salad and prepare the perfect roast.

My children do not have memories like this—because those perfect meals never happened. What did ensue were imperfect meals with imperfect people which produced some meaningful and sometimes, hilarious memories.

How about your family? What quirky childhood memories are forever etched in your mind? What are your current meal times like with your family or friends? Which memories will last?

If you are like me, the memories center not on the meal itself, but around the relationships being nurtured and built. The mealtime serves as an environment where the family comes to the table with their mixed bag of imperfections producing unique and lasting memories.

Last week we were encouraged to eat a meal together. Hopefully, pleasant memories were formed and relationships were further cultivated. So much so, that we begin to desire and plan for more of those imperfect times together, which generate rich and lasting connections to each other.

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Want a Daily Dose of God's Word?

Last year, Sue Wilson, a member of Gloria Dei, launched Dei Break, a daily e-mail devotional of the Old Testament. This year, a New Testament devotional, called "Dei Time NT" is available. If you are interested in receiving this devotion by e-mail, please go to our Web site's home page and click on the registration link.

what's
NEW!
this week!



Women's Bible Connections

We are excited to offer Women's Bible Connections in the morning and evening starting this week. See page 5 for more details.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Sunday
"Faith Lessons – On the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah"
This DVD-led study was filmed on location in Israel and brings God's Word to life. Walk along with us as we journey with Jesus through some of his experiences as he travels to the cross.

Message Topics

Jan. 10-11
"Family Meal"
Jan. 17-18
"Movie Night"
Jan. 24-25
"Game Night"
Jan. 31-Feb. 1
"Serving Together"

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Strategic Plan Updates

Celebrations: Part of our G.R.A.C.E. vision is to be a beacon to our community. Throughout the year, we seek opportunities to help our neighbors that have needs. Last year, we helped to launch and support the Urbandale Food Pantry, provided sack lunches to the homeless in Des Moines, worked on Habitat for Humanity houses, and most recently, organized the Giving Tree project.

Giving Tree Project: In the last several years, we have supported the Giving Tree project and have been blessed to be able to help provide Christmas gifts to those families who are financially struggling. Again, this year the members of Gloria Dei generously responded and purchased gifts for 21 families and made emergency food baskets for 18 families. Gloria Dei members were also bountiful in their time and support as they helped to organize and distribute the gifts to the families.

Cottage Meetings: Cottage meetings to discuss the progress of the ministry destination, the details of the land selection recommendation and the corresponding financial model will be held in late winter. More details will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, if you have any questions concerning any aspect of the Strategic Plan, please pick up a note card at one of the packed with possibilities displays throughout the building and turn it in at the Information Center.



Inclement Weather Cancellations

At times it may be necessary to cancel our weekend worship services or weekly events due to poor weather conditions. Cancellations will be announced on our Web site, the church's answering machine, TV channels, 8, 13 and 5, and WHO radio.



Stewardship Notes

Please pick up your giving envelopes today.

Giving envelopes for next year are located on the tables near the north entrance of the narthex. Take a minute today and pick up your envelopes. Please note: each year your envelope number changes, so please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1, 2009.

2008 Giving Statements to be mailed.

Final giving statements for 2008 will be mailed by Jan. 20. If you do not receive a statement, please contact Bill Jesse, Executive Director at 276-1700.

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Jan 11 during the 10:30 a.m. service is for:



Jaiden Larae Uhl born on Oct. 23, 2008 to Ryan and Kelsey (nee Borale) Uhl. Jaiden's spiritual sponsors are Benjamin and Jennifer Puttmann.

LEAD Gloria Dei

Lead Gloria Dei is a six-week course, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. It is designed to help future leaders of Gloria Dei understand how Gloria Dei functions as a church, as well as to understand the blessings, challenges and opportunities that exist in a church our size.

The topics include: the vision of Gloria Dei, understanding church life, the demographics of our community, policy-based governance and our strategic plan.

If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact Laura Rath, Assistant to the Senior Pastor, at 278-5544, ext. 200.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:

Northwind (FLC):

Rev. Ron Burcham

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Rev. Kendall Meyer

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

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9 a.m. (FLC):

Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher:

Rev. Ron Burcham

Organist:

Lynn Hays

Acolytes:

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Natalie Larimer

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):

Jordan Nicolet

Elders:

Terry Woolman

Vic Kesse

Ushers:

Northwind

Mike Mazza

7:45 a.m.

Bruce Amendt

Dave Disney

Lou Grotheer

Mo Grotheer

Arlyn Hesse

Jim Johnson

Dick Mueller

9:00 a.m.

Greg Haessler

Doug Kumm

Jim Miles

Tanya Richards

Tom Richards

Tim Mueller

Chad Oehlert

9:00 a.m. (FLC)

Dan Johnson

10:30 a.m.

Kevin Kelley

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 10:19-25 and Matthew 26:17-30 (NIV)

God's People in Prayer

Blue prayer request cards are beneath the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For our families

Prayers

- For Laurie Varley following surgery for cancer
- For Rich Steinke, who is recovering from knee surgery
- For those serving in our military
- For the health of June Reed's elderly parents
- For Becky Disney's father, Ed Kladivo, who is going through his second round of chemo in a month
- For the health of Julie Mitchell's mother
- For the health concerns of Shirley Nuzum

Prayer ministry team

If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please e-mail tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Urbandale Food Pantry Updates

Volunteer opportunities: Volunteers are vital to the effective operation of the Urbandale Food Pantry. Your help is needed to process and fill food orders. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 12-2:30 p.m. The Food Pantry is located at 7611 Douglas Ave., Suite 31, Urbandale. Please contact Eileen at 251-6688 to schedule a time when you can volunteer.

A Glorious Thank You

We would like to thank our members and friends for the beautiful flowers and gift cards. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity! We thank you for standing with us in bringing glory to his name and for your commitment to our ministries.

We would also like to thank all of those ministry partners that came together in support of our “Glorious” cantata. The talented team leaders as well as committed volunteers worked together to help us accomplish our goal and to share our passion. The assistance that was given by the number of people who helped us throughout the planning process as well as the day of the concert was so encouraging.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals who assisted us in so many ways:

Steve Kohtz for his creative assistance and for writing the narration.

Chris Onsrud for his technical assistance and leadership.

Pastor Phillips and Pastor Meyer for their welcoming words.

Karen Kennedy for the beautiful programs, posters and cards.

Elaine Klinefelter and her team of volunteers for the fabulous meal and fellowship time.

Terry Woolman and his team of volunteers for setting up and tearing down.

Shirley Roberts and Kathy Stange for playing organ.

Narrators Stephen Webb, Amy Jo Wiese, and Jared Walter for sharing their talents.

The tech team for their hard work and expertise.

The audience members for their support.

The ensemble members and their families for their talents and time.

All the other ministry partners who helped on this project.

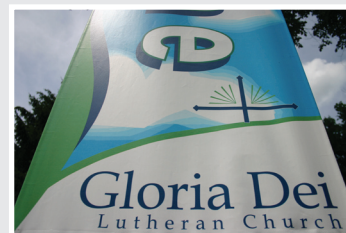
Sincerely, Angie Gage, Handbell Director; Carmen Emborski, Choir Director; and Julie DenHerder, Orchestra Director

Discovery 101

Membership Classes

Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

Basics of the Christian Faith is a seven-week class for those wishing to join Gloria Dei who are new to the Lutheran Church. We will journey along with Apostle Paul in the hope that we will experience where God meets us in our lives. As we go through the six chief parts of Luther’s catechism (the 10 Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and Lord’s Supper), we will see how they pertain to and help with our daily faith-life journey. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Pastor Kendall Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Help Needed

March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.

We are in the process of recruiting adults and youth to help with this year’s Vacation Bible School, Crocodile Dock. If you are interested in helping, please contact: DeAnn McCue at deann@gloriadeionline.com, or Penny Schramm at penny@gloriadeionline.com, or call 276-1700.



Starts Monday!

Women's Bible Connections

Make it your time ~ a.m. or p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12 at 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

January is noted for a time of new beginnings, so Women's Bible Connections will add an additional time slot for women to connect with each other. Starting Jan. 12 women can gather, pray, study and connect with each other in the mornings and the evenings. Childcare will be provided.

Women's Bible Connections a.m.

The new addition to Women's Bible Connections will start Monday, Jan. 12 from 9:15 – 11 a.m. in rooms 130-32, 131-33 and 135-37. Each session will begin with an opening devotion by Tina Morton in the Sanctuary before splitting into the three groups:

Topical Bible Study: The topic we will be studying is a DVD-led Bible study entitled "Fireproof," based on the movie. Take time out to safeguard your relationships. Beth Casady will be the facilitator.

Scriptural-based Bible Study: This group led by Barb Miles will study the book of John.

Jesus, the One and Only: Lisa Scherer will facilitate this in-depth study by Beth Moore. There will be homework to prepare for each class.

In addition to the regular a.m. schedule, the first Monday of every month we will begin at church and then go off-site to a coffee shop, restaurant or a host's home where we will fellowship together.

Women's Bible Connections p.m.

The evening sessions will begin Monday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity to sample the different classes that will be provided.

Who is invited?

All women members and non-members, whether you are young, middle-aged or one blessed by many years, are invited to join us in the mornings or evenings. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellen Mortenson, 700 19th St. West Des Moines.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leona Standridge, 7905 Prairie, Urbandale.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Leanna Hansch, 5011 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Reminder: It's a heavenly time! Wednesday morning Bible study starts up again on Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. Join us as we look at some popular perceptions of heaven and whether they agree with the words of Scripture.

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Thursday Morning Men's Bible study begins again on January 15 at 6:30 a.m. Drink coffee, talk about sports and dive into the book of Job as we pick out the nuggets that can help us as we strive to live as Christian men in this society.

Support Groups/Care Night

Thursday Evenings from 5:30-8 p.m.

Our Care Night support groups are designed to help people who are facing difficult situations. Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship and meeting time in an environment that will help bring Jesus Christ to the hurting and the sick for the first time and for a lifetime. Childcare is provided. If interested, sign up on our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Care Night Schedule and Classes

- 5:30 – 6 p.m.** Join us for a meal; cost is \$3.50 per meal.
- 6 – 6:15 p.m.** Touch Point: Gather for a time of song, words of encouragement and prayer.
- 6:15 – 8 p.m.** Support Group Meetings: Individual groups meet for study, discussion and prayer.

Cancer Support Group

BCS Group is our Breast Cancer Support Group that reaches out to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Caregiver Care

Caregiver Care is for adults who are now in the role of being caregivers for their parents or spouses. We will be going through “Caring for Your Aging Parents,” by Barbara Deane, which can be purchased from the Toolshoppe for \$12.

DivorceCare Support Group

DivorceCare is a program for people who are experiencing the pain of divorce.

DC4K: Children’s DivorceCare Support Group

DC4K is a program to help children whose parents are going through a divorce.

GriefShare for Adults

GriefShare is a program designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative. This winter, we will offer support groups for adults, youth and children.

GriefShare for Teens

This group is designed to help teens navigate through the grieving process.

GriefShare children

Children ages 10 and under are encouraged to attend this group that is geared to their age.

Self-Defense Class

This class is taught by an experienced self-defense/martial arts instructor and will teach you how to protect yourself and avoid unsafe situations. The cost is \$25 and the class meets six times.

Weight Loss Class

This biblical based class will help individuals with the challenges of controlling their weight.

Thursday Meals

Thursday meals are available to Care Night participants and anyone in the congregation that would like a warm dinner and fellowship. Cost is \$3.50. See you there!

Thursday, Jan. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Ham and Potato Bake

Thursday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Chili

Preparing for Marriage Class

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009

Couples wishing to be married at Gloria Dei in the coming year must take the six-week pre-marriage class. To register, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Bible Study for Parents of Teenagers

A Bible study for parents of teenagers will be offered on Mondays starting Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center.

River Bend, a six-week Bible study led by Tim Kightlinger, Director of Youth Ministry, will help parents navigate through their children’s teen years. Even though parents cannot predict their teenager’s future, they can prepare for some of the unfamiliar waters that lie ahead, just around the river bend.

If you are interested, contact Tim Kightlinger, at 278-5444, ext. 212.

New Mission Trip Opportunity

Gloria Dei has been approved to participate in the Gulf Coast Thrivent builds event from Feb. 15-22, 2009. The trip is open for the first 15 participants; the cost is \$185 for Thrivent members (\$370 for non-Thrivent members). The team will leave on Sunday, Feb. 15 and drive 8-10 hours before staying overnight; on Monday they will drive to Gulfport, Miss., where they will work with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

For more information, please contact Bill Clark at 491-8543 or Bill-Clark@mchsi.com.

Mission Team Registration

The Honduras mission team is forming now and you can be a part of it! They plan to provide medical services and other practical ways to help show the Hondurans that Jesus loves them.

Date:

June 26-July 4

Who can get involved?

Anyone 16 years and older may attend.

Costs:

The total cost is \$1,845, which includes airfare, sleeping accommodations and most meals; a \$200 deposit is required by Jan. 28, 2009.

Activities:

Giving free medical, dental, and optical care to Hondurans as well as sharing the story of Jesus with children and adults.

Informational Meeting:

Join us Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. for an informational meeting.

Questions:

Please contact Bill Clark at BillClark@mchsi.com or Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.

Salvation Army Project

Jan. 11

Pick up recipe and pans

Jan. 18

Pick up recipe and pans or
Drop off frozen casseroles

Jan. 25

Drop off frozen casseroles

Take two girls, mix in the love of Jesus, pour in the desire to help people and what do you have?

Two dedicated young teens.

Katie Gilg and Allissa Rice will be in the narthex Sunday, Jan. 11 between services to hand out simple recipes and pans for casseroles to be made for the Salvation Army. Their goal is to provide 500 casseroles for the Salvation Army to take out to those in need in our community each week. Each casserole feeds ten people; 125 casseroles are used weekly at different locations throughout the city.

Salvation Army

For the past 111 years, the Salvation Army has worked hand-in-hand with many Des Moines area churches to help meet the needs of the disadvantaged. The following are some of the ways that the Salvation Army and churches have merged together to help those in need:

- More than 60,000 hot breakfasts were served last year.
- More than 1,000 families received food boxes at Christmas time.

Help today

Stop by today and pick up the recipe and pan to assist the girls and the Salvation Army in helping those in need.

Save Your Christmas Cards

Please save the front of your religious Christmas cards that were received this year; the mission team will bring them to Honduras and hand them out as a reminder of the Christmas story. A container will be in the narthex. Thank you!

Kindermusik and Dance Classes

It's not too late to join a winter session of Kindermusik or one of our dance classes. All of the information can be found on our Web site. We prorate for weeks not attended. If you have questions, please contact DeAnn McCue at 276-1700.

Sack Lunch Collection



The homeless of Des Moines are in need of food to help them through these cold months, so we are encouraging families to make sack lunches again! Paper sacks are available at the Information Center. Sack lunches will be distributed Wednesday, Jan. 28. Please bring them in Jan. 24, 25 or 28. Consider including a packet of instant dry soup mix in your sack lunch. If you have questions, please talk to DeAnn McCue or Pastor Phillips at 276-1700.

Tiny Treasures Updates

Fall Registration: Tiny Treasures will be starting its fifth year! Check the racks today for the new preschool brochure and registration forms. What an amazing ministry serving more than 100 children. Tuition, registration fees and class offerings will remain the same this year. The only change in the program is the three day 3-year-old class—it will only be offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Because our program is so full this year, we anticipate classes to fill quickly. We open registration to Gloria Dei members first, so don't delay.

Playgroup: Tiny Treasures will offer a playgroup for children who will be old enough for the regular preschool in the fall on Tuesday or Friday from 9:15-11:15 a.m. from February through May. Registration materials are available in the plastic racks today.

Contact or Questions: If you have questions, please contact Terry at 278-5544, ext. 305.

Vacation Bible School

March 16-19 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars! Children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to this year's Vacation Bible School during spring break. Registration information will be following soon.



Grace Place Notes

January 11, 2009: The Baptism and temptation of Jesus serve as the lesson focus for Sunday School this week. Jesus is baptized into and takes on our sin, and faces our temptations so we, in Baptism, would receive his goodness, His holiness, and his purity. Parents could ask, "Why is it important that Jesus was baptized? Why is it important that we are baptized?"

Faith Alive Meal

Wednesday, Jan. 14
Meatloaf

\$3.50 per person
(children under 2 eat free)

Christmas Program DVD

Photo DVDs of the Christmas program can be purchased for \$5 in the Toolshoppe. The DVDs are a wonderful photo montage of each performance. Questions can be directed to Chris Onsrud at 278-5544, ext. 300.

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Junior High Grades 6-8

Service and Mission Hours

Sign up at the youth bulletin board today for service and mission hours.

Eighth Grade

Please turn in your Urban Plunge registration forms by Feb. 1 to Tim or the office. We need at least three parents to attend; the Youth Ministry will cover the cost for the parents.

Confirmation

We need confirmation students to sign up to acolyte for the 7:45 a.m. service in January, February and March.

Sunday: Castaway

Join us Sunday for Castaway at 9:20 or 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Center.

January's topic: Survival Kit

River Bend Bible Study

Monday, Jan. 12 7-8 p.m.

Parents of teens: Please join us for a Bible study. See page 6 for more details.

Week 1: Topic - Roles and Goals
(Ephesians 6:1-4)

Senior High Grades 9-12

Sunday Bible Study

Join us Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in room 136-38.

Wednesday: The Point

Topic: Jan. 14: Mission: Confronting Wrong

Senior High Café 923

Sunday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Come and hang out with us as we play games in the Family Life Center and the Youth Center. Hamburgers will be served for dinner. Invite your friends.

Winter Jam Concert

Saturday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

We are leaving the church at 4:30 p.m. for a Christian concert which will have some of your favorite bands, such as Toby Mac, Hawk Nelson and more. The cost is \$10. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Sunday, Jan. 18.

Dinner Theatre Rehearsals

We will have dinner theatre rehearsals starting this Sunday from 12-2 p.m. in the Youth Center. The rehearsals will continue through March 22.

Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

For those attending or are interested, please meet for an informational meeting in the Youth Center about the mission trip July 11-18 to Ashland, Montana.

Grades 6-12 Opportunities

Hope Ministry Mission Opportunities

Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and take a short tour of the Bethel Mission, deliver food and supplies to homeless tent camps, eat lunch at Hope Cafe and finish the day by a work project. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by Jan. 18.

GriefShare for Teens (Grades 6-12)

Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Please join us for a small group that is designed to help teens navigate through the grieving process. Tim Kightlinger will facilitate the group. Come early for a meal at 5:30 p.m.; the cost for the meal is \$3.50.

Week of Jan 10-16, 2009

Saturday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service
in Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 11

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in
Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. The Death and Resurrection Bible Study
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 2:00 p.m. Take Down Christmas Decorations
- 4:30 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Café 923
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 12

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Connections a.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement
- 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance for ages 5-7
- 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections p.m.
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance for ages 8-12
- 7:00 p.m. River Bend Bible Study for Parents
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

- 11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
- 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That!
- 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik for the Young Child
- 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village
- 7:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Iowa Association of Adoption Agencies
- 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
- 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
- 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. District Conference
- 9:00 a.m. Honor Guard
- 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Club
- 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Care Night
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101

Friday, January 16

- 8:30 a.m. Iowa LCMS School Board Workshop

Scripture Base on Giving:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Outpouring of Love)	
General Fund Offerings	\$13,702
YTD Offering	\$847,525
YTD Budget	\$906,039

Worship	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	143	
7:45 a.m.	74	68
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	234	160
9 a.m. (FLC)	81	
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	335	210
Total	867	438

Weeks of Jan. 17-24, 2009

Saturday, January 17

9:30 a.m. Kids Against Hunger
 9:30 a.m. Have Hope Suicide Prevention Convention
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Team Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in Family Life Center
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 18

7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 9:00 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
 9:20 a.m. Castaway
 9:20 a.m. Worship Team Warm Up
 10:30 a.m. The Death and Resurrection Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
 10:50 a.m. Castaway
 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Women's Connections a.m.
 11:00 a.m. PEO Chapter KO Meeting
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Beginning Ballet and Creative Movement
 6:00 p.m. Creative Dance for ages 5-7
 6:15 p.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
 6:30 p.m. Stephen's Ministries Training
 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance for ages 8-12
 7:00 p.m. "River Bend" Bible Study for Parents

Tuesday, January 20

11:45 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 1:00 p.m. Helping Hands
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Tuesday, January 20 (continued)

5:00 p.m. Fourth Grade Basketball Practice
 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
 6:30 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
 6:30 p.m. Preparing for Marriage Class
 6:30 p.m. SPI MAT Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball
 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Village

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 a.m. Pastor Meyer's Bible Study
 5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal
 5:30 p.m. M and M Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive/Music Alive
 6:00 p.m. Small Group Bells
 6:00 p.m. The Point – Senior High
 6:15 p.m. LEAD Gloria Dei
 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:40 p.m. Gloria Dei Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Kindermusik Family Time
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Club
 2:00 p.m. Homeschool Choir
 5:30 p.m. Care Night
 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
 6:30 p.m. Preschool New Student Open House

Friday, January 23

3:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Basketball Practice

Saturday, January 24

9:30 a.m. Hope Ministries
 4:00 p.m. Northwind Worship Rehearsal
 4:30 p.m. Winter Jam Concert (Off Site)
 5:30 p.m. Northwind Service with Communion
 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Last Week's Educational Attendance				
	Sat. 5:50 p.m.	Sun. 9:20 a.m.	Sun. 10:50 a.m.	Wed. 6 p.m.
Preschool	7	20	19	31
Elementary	15	41	29	104
Total Children	22	61	48	135
Junior High		16	6	90
Senior High		8		31
Total Youth		24	6	121

Welcome to Gloria Dei! *We are glad you are here!*

If you are new to Gloria Dei, welcome! We seek to be a place where people can come and discover God's perspective on life, a place where you can find real answers to today's questions. Please take some time to get to know us. We have lots of programs and activities for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members or stop by the Information Center.

Nursery

Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level, access is through the doors in the narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room

Located in the southwest corner of the narthex is a room with a full view of the sanctuary for parents to take their small children when they are upset or crying.

Families worship together

At both 9 a.m. services, families are encouraged to worship together before the children are invited to join their peers in an educational time specifically for them. Of course, if children would rather be with adults throughout the service, they are more than welcome.

Children

Grace Place - preschool and elementary children: We offer educational opportunities for children ages 2 through grade 5 Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sunday at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Each class is grade-level appropriate with lots of hands-on activities to help reinforce the lessons. Families are welcome to worship together before the children are excused for Grace Place 20 minutes into the service, or families can take their children to the classrooms.

Youth

Junior High: Castaway: For our junior high youth in grades 6-8, we have a high-energy educational time, Castaway, in the Youth Center Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Senior high students: Our senior high youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a small group study from 9-10 a.m. in rooms 132-36 this week.

Adults

There are lots of community groups forming. For more information, contact Pastor Meyer at 278-5544, ext. 224.



Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine.

Weekly Bible Reading: Matthew 26:17-22;26-30

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?"

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Gloria Dei Weekend Worship Times

Saturday Evening: 5:30 Northwind Contemporary

Sunday Morning: 7:45 Traditional • 9:00 Traditional • 9:00 H3 Service • 10:30 Contemporary

Educational Times: Saturday at 5:50 p.m. and Sundays 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

• Staffed nursery from 8 a.m.-noon